

REMARKS

The indication in the outstanding Office Action that claims 2-4 contain allowable subject matter is appreciated. As a result of the amendment incorporating the features of dependent claim 2 into independent claim 1, it is submitted that all of the pending claims are allowable.

The outstanding Office Action includes a rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,425,720 to Cramer. In view of the amendment to claim 1, it is submitted that this rejection has been rendered moot, and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

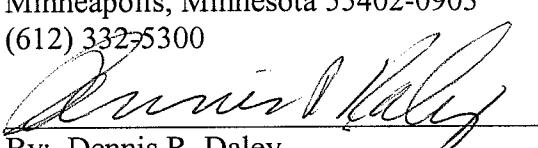
The outstanding Office Action includes a rejection of claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In view the amendment to claim 1, it is submitted that this rejection is been rendered moot. In particular, the rejection is on the grounds that the phrases "said first part" and "said second part" lack antecedent with respect to claim 1. In view of the amendment to claims 1, 5, and 6, it is submitted that this rejection has been rendered moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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